



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Fall Bible Studies and Small Groups

High School football has kicked off and your favorite college team plays their first game of the season on Saturday. The Seasonal favorite Pumpkin Spice is appearing and that means that Fall is here! It also means that our Bible studies and Small groups are at hand. We have some unique choices available to you this year:

Practical options:

Financial Peace University taught by Pete Moore on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm

Scream-Free Parenting taught by Christina Miller on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm

Soul-Enriching options:

A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants by Betty Cates Mondays at 11 am

John's Letters lead by Edith Snyder Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am

Women's Small Group facilitated by Sue Scarborough Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

Biblical Study Options:

Hebrews: The Book of Better Things taught by Tom Babington Wednesday at 4 pm.

OneBook: The Gospel of Mark led by Rev. Michael Cobb Wednesday at 6 pm.

An Informative Option:

"What Is Going On At Aldersgate?" by Dr. Brian Miller Wednesday at 6pm.

Whatever option you choose, you will be living into Paul's command for us to "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" as you learn and are transformed. You can sign up at www.aldersgateumc.org/small-groups, by calling (334)356-3698 e-mailing michael@aldersgateumc.org, or by using the QR code provided.

Grace and Peace,

Michael



Music Ministry

September is music participation month at Aldersgate. All of our choirs and ensembles are beginning their rehearsals this month. Our total music ministry includes over 140 different adults, youth and children who are actively involved, with a choir available for everyone from age 3 years old through senior adult. Come join us at a rehearsal soon!

Music Opportunities at Aldersgate

Below is just a glimpse of some of the musical opportunities offered here at Aldersgate:

(Sunday Schedule—September 13)

Junior Bells	(children/youth)	3:30 p.m.
Joyful Bells	(adult)	4:30 p.m.
Carol Choir	(grades 1-6)	4:30 p.m.

(Wednesday Schedule—September 16)

Angel Choir	(ages 3-5)	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	(adult)	7:00 p.m.
Senior Saints	(senior adult)	2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
Aldersgate Orchestra	(adults & youth)	Wednesdays and Sundays as needed

Plus all of our ensembles for voices and instruments.

*Visitors are always welcome at any of our rehearsals;
come join us!*



Calling All Potential Saints!

If you enjoy singing favorite hymns and if you've ever sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower at some time in your life, you're qualified to come! Come join the rest of us Senior Saints as we prepare to share a new musical program with nursing homes, retirement centers and rehab facilities in our city. We will kick off this year with a covered dish luncheon in room 22 at 11:00 on Wednesday, September 9. (No Halo Required!)

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Dr. Brian Miller will be our study leader through the month of September. Join us at 6:30 a.m. in room 22. We'll have breakfast and coffee ready. We are done by 7:30 a.m., but if you need to leave a little early to beat traffic, that is okay! Join us for fellowship, prayer, time in the Word, and a great breakfast!



Church-wide Missions Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Special guest: Lauren Sievers,
former missionary to China

Plus highlights from recent
youth and adult mission trips

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

There will be a Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in room 26.

“Back to Basics” CD

“Back to Basics” CD, by Rev. Roy Gamblin will be available in the Atrium and Christian Activity Center on September 13, 20 and 27. It contains “A Study in the Gospel of John”, plus two exposition pieces dealing with how we can know we “KNOW” Him and how we can know we are “IN” Him. In addition, there is a section about the beginnings of Methodism in America, “The Spirit of the Circuit Rider”. It concludes with testimonies by both Roy and Ann Gamblin and one of Ann’s songs. Contributions appreciated. This is not a DVD. It is not a musical. It is primarily some written articles designed to be read on a computer.

Missions

Newsletters and emails from our missionary partners are often full of praise reports, but they don't usually involve worldwide news headlines. Andrew and Margaret Howell traveled back to France recently to conduct three marriage seminars for a family camp near Grenoble, site of the 1968 Olympics. All was going well until the final day of camp when Andrew fell down a flight of stairs and broke his ankle in three places. Fortunately, being a ski mecca, Grenoble's hospital had renowned orthopedists available to operate on Andrew.

This all happened on Thursday before the Howells were scheduled to fly to Bangkok on Sunday to lead a marriage retreat for fellow missionaries, a trip they were forced to cancel. On Monday, August 17, as Andrew lay in his hospital bed, a terrorist set off a massive explosion in the heart of Bangkok, killing 20 and injuring 125. We are thankful that our friends were not in harm's way. Please keep all of our missionary partners in your prayers. You can learn about them on our new church website at www.aldersgateumc.org.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

Our Mission:

*To know Jesus and to make Him known
in each child's HEART!*

Our children's department is growing and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and assistants for 3D Kids Children's Worship! We need adults age 19 and older to serve once a month in this exciting and interactive worship service. All adult volunteers will receive Safe Sanctuary training and a background check before serving. Please contact Katie Blair, Director of Children's Ministries, to sign up (katie@aldersgateumc.org or 356-5979).

Our first Parents' Night Out of the year is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for Friday, September 11! We will meet the second Friday of each month from 5:30-9:00 pm September through May. Children ages infant through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration is required and can be done online at www.aldersgateumc.org, or by calling the WCM office at 277-0880. The cost is \$15 per child with a family maximum rate of \$40. The price includes dinner, activities, and a snack. September's theme is all about apples! We will have apple art, apple games, eat an apple snack, and hear a story about Johnny Appleseed. Pizza will be served for dinner. Don't miss out on the fun!

Youth Announcements

HUB-Wednesdays beginning at 5:30, we will gather for hangout, worship, prayer, and scripture. Join us this fall as we dive into the word and learn how we are to live as scriptural people. On September 9th is our missions potluck where we will recap the summer missions and learn about upcoming opportunities. Everyone is welcome to join at 5:30, to eat, and hear about missions. Regular HUB will resume the next week on the 16th. If you would like to join us for Wednesday night fellowship dinner, bring \$5 and your appetite. HUB will always wrap up around 7 (I apologize in advance for running late)

Sunday Nights-Beginning September 13th, things get kicked off with our Sunday nights. On the 13th at 3:30 we will have a youth and parent meeting at 3:30 where we will talk about what is going on this fall. You will get some dates and times for things. This meeting will be in the Chapel. At 4:00 that evening, there will be an interest meeting for our summer 2016 international mission trip to Colombia. This is a youth trip so if you are interested in going on this trip, please join us this day to get all of the information to get you signed up. At 5:00 our small groups kick off on the 13th as well. We will gather every Sunday at the church for prayer, announcements, and fellowship and then at 5:30, split into our small groups. I still need some various volunteers to host, so let me know if you can do this. On September 20th, our music opportunities begin for the fall. From 3:30-4 every Sunday will be our children and youth handbell choir practice, from 4-5 every Sunday will be youth band practice for those of you taking part in that and then also at this time, youth choir for those interested in singing.

Sunday Mornings are moving right along with the new schedule. Come and join us at 9:15 for fellowship and Jesus.

Brittney Liebbe, Director of Youth Ministries

Prayer Room

During our Breakthrough sermon series on prayer, an experiential prayer room has been set up in room 20. It will be available during church hours to allow us to journey in prayer together. Feel free to utilize this room over the next several weeks as part of your personal prayer life for purposeful time and space to meet with God.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ragan and Heather Barkhurst on the birth of their son, Levi Abraham Barkhurst, born August 27, 2015.

Thank You...

Dear Christian Friends,

"We appreciate all the support shown through prayers, cards and visits during our recent loss of Dan's sister.

Also, we felt the Christian love expressed through visits and prayers during our daughter, Mary's hospitalization.

We were uplifted by all the Christian support shown and we are thankful and blessed to be a part of our Aldersgate family."

God Bless,

Lynn & Dan Fitzgerald

Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The HOPE Circle has signed up for the weeks of September 7 through October 2 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.



BBQ Ticket Sales

We need lots of help selling BBQ tickets to family, friends, and co-workers. If you run a business (or know someone that does) that would like to treat its workers to lunch on Saturday, October 17, we'll even deliver large orders. Tickets are available now at a low cost of \$8.00 a piece. You will need to see Jim Snyder to get tickets to sell (at the greeter station in the Christian Activity Center for the early service, call 272-3548 or e-mail jos@charter.net). We also need some men to volunteer to sit at tables before and after both worship services as well as Wednesday night suppers for a couple of weeks before the BBQ.

Aldersgate Food Pantry

**September is Stock
a Bathroom Cabinet Month**

TOILET PAPER &
SMALL SIZE TOILETRIES



Please place in collection baskets located in the Atrium, Christian Activity Center and outside the Program Staff Offices.

Join us for worship this Sunday!

8:15 Chapel Service with
Holy Communion—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb

10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller

Luke 22:39-48, 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Breakthrough: What If Prayer Doesn't Work?

Our gifts to God!

August 30, 2015

Morning Worship—347 Sunday School—216

July, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	696,105
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	689,740
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	680,740
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,357,224

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
September 6-12, 2015

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/Room 29
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
- 3:00 p.m. Columbia Interest Meeting/Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 28
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
- 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Discipleship Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 22, 25, 26, CAC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Saints/Room 22
- 1:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 25
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28
- 5:30 p.m. Church-wide Mission Pot Luck/CAC
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 24
- 1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. PEF Committee Meeting/Room 26
- 7:15 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25
- 12:00 p.m. Reality & Truth Ministry/CAC Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out/CAC, Rooms 112, 114, WCM Wing

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 a.m. Alabama ARISE/CAC